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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Hartwig, et al.  
Filing Date: September 25, 2003  
Serial No.: 10/670,445  
Title: CONTAINER SUPPORT DEVICE

Assignee: Edwards Lifesciences AG  
Examiner: Marsh, Steven M.  
Group Art Unit: 3632

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action, dated October 2, 2006, in the above-identified patent application.

According to the Examiner, the application contains five patentably distinct species as follows:

Species 1: Container support immovably coupled to the support body

Species 2: Container support rotatably attached to the support body

Species 3: Container support coupled to channel of an alternate body

Species 4: Container support coupled by a fastening member to the alternate support body

Species 5: Adjacent container supports coupled to the alternate support body

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Responsive to Office Action of October 2, 2006

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Applicants elect, with traverse, Species 2. The following claims read on this species: claims 1-15 and 17-26. These include the generic claims identified by the Examiner. Applicants' election is made without prejudice.

**Petition for Extension of Time to Respond**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), Applicants hereby request an extension of time for **Two Months** to respond to the above-referenced Office Action. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required fee of \$450.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-1225 (Docket No. ECC-5764). A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

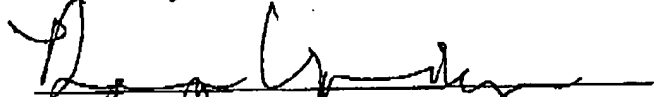
**CONCLUSION**

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in a condition for allowance and, accordingly, solicit an early notice to that effect.

If an appropriate payment does not accompany or precede this submission, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees, such as under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, including any petition for extension of time, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1225.

Dated: December 22, 2006

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